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In response to the Final Office Action of July 1, 2010 (whose three-month response date is October 1, 2010), kindly amend the above-captioned application without prejudice as follows:

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are not presented in this paper. Nevertheless, a Listing of Claims begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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